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REF: A. USNATO 0501; B. USNATO 0555

1. FOLLOWING IS GUIDANCE REQUESTED REF A.

2. THE MEASURES IN THE SPC DRAFT WOULD NOT OVERLY INHIBIT U.S. TRAINING OR POSE OVERLY EXCESSIVE ADMINISTRATIVE BURDENS ON US FORCES. THEY MIGHT, IN OUR VIEW, INHIBIT

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ANY SOVIET PREPARATIONS FOR SURPRISE ATTACK OR USE OF

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FORCES FOR INTIMIDATION. WHETHER THE ALLIES WOULD WANT TO PROPOSE, IN PHASE II, STABILIZING MEASURES APPLICABLE TO EUROPEAN FORCES AND, IF SO, WHAT THOSE MEASURES WOULD SPECIFY, REMAINS TO BE DECIDED. IN ANY EVENT FULL CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE POTENTIAL EFFECTS ON THE FORCES OF OUR EUROPEAN ALLIES.

3. THE SPC DRAFT WOULD NOT REQUIRE ANY ADVANCED NOTICE OF AN INCREASE IN SCHEDULED MOVEMENTS OUT OF THE NGA. THUS IF THIS MEASURE WERE EXTENDED TO INCLUDE U.K. FORCES, ANY UK FORCES COULD BE MOVED OUT OF THE NGA TO NORTHERN IRELAND WITHOUT NOTICE. HOWEVER 60 DAYS ADVANCE NOTICE WOULD BE

REQUIRED FOR RETURN TO THE NGA OF UK FORCES THAT EXCEED 10 OF THE SCHEDULED ENTERING FORCES, OR INVOLVE A UNIT OF MORE THAN 1,000 MEN, OR REPRESENT AN ADDITIONAL MOVEMENT OF AN AGGREGATE OF 5,000 MEN IN 24 HOURS. THUS IN PHASE II IF A LIMIT ON MOVEMENTS IN AND OUT OF THE AREA WERE BEING CONSIDERED, THIS SPECIAL U.K. PROBLEM WOULD HAVE TO BE DEALT WITH.

4. WE ARE NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE U.K. PATTERN OF TRAINING EXERCISES OR THE TRAINING AREAS AVAILABLE TO THEM. IF THEY INDEED CONDUCT THEIR DIVISIONAL EXERCISES IN ONLY ONE TWO-MONTH PERIOD A YEAR AND MUST UTILIZE AREAS OUTSIDE OF TRAINING AREAS FOR SUCH EXERCISES AND SUCH EXERCISES LAST THE FULL SIXTY DAYS AND THEY MUST CONDUCT MORE THAN ONE SUCH EXERCISE A YEAR, THEN THEIR CURRENT TRAINING PATTERS WOULD BE INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE SPECIFIC SPC DRAFT MEASURE LIMITING EXERCISES DEVELOPED FOR PHASE I.

5. WE AGREE THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF PHASE II STABILIZING MEASURES, IF ANY, WOULD REQUIRE THAT POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS CONCERNING THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. KISSINGER

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